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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kohei Eguchi et al.

Application No.: 10/630,833

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Art Unit: 2811

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, A METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE AND A METHOD OF DELETING
INFORMATION FROM THE
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Examiner: Thien F. Tran

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species covered by Embodiment 4, ("Claims 5-20"), represented by Figures 4A-4G for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified patent application. Claims 5-20 read on these figures.

In addition, the modification to the elected embodiment shown in Figures 7A-7E are also believed to be read on by Claims 5-20.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

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An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

In conjunction with this response, a Petition for Two (2) Months Extension of Time is also herein submitted for filing in the above-identified patent application. The Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185 in the amount of \$430.00, under Order No. 21987-00055-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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